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## Four Soldiers Killed In Copter Crash

The crash of a single Army helicopter Monday morning shortly after 8 a.m. claimed the lives of all four occupants. The UH-1 Huey was on a routine training mission about seven miles south of Brantley when the crash and explosion occurred.

Witnesses who were driving on the highway less than 100 yards from the

crash site rushed into the pine thicket to assist any possible survivors, but the flames and imminent explosion backed them away. Bill McClain, of Evergreen, was driving with his wife and two children, and was followed closely by a work truck and three loggers working with him nearby. He reported seeing one flyer attempting to get out but the explosion ignited the entire plane in

seconds and killed any possible survivors. McClain said the copter appeared to be unusually low and circling back toward a peanut field across the road but didn't make it. While he and his three employees attempted to get near the crash and make rescue attempts, his wife drove to the nearest telephone to

report the crash. Herb Strickland, of the Ft. Rucker Public Information Office, listed the victims as CW-2 Stanley R. Menze, age 39, of Nebraska, instructor pilot; 1st Lt. Frederick Earl Berkhan, age 24, of Ellenwood, Georgia; 1st Lt. Franklin Penn, age 27, of Elmhurst, N.Y.; and 2nd Lt. James Alfred Fitz, age 24, of Riverdale, MD.

The explosion and fire were so intense that military crash investigation teams recovered only three charred bodies. The fourth was not fully recoverable, according to military officials.

Strickland said, "It is a messy one with bits of wreckage scattered some distance from the main impact area." He said it might take a long time to determine the cause of the crash, "if ever."



SMOLDERING pieces are all that remain of a U.S. Army Huey helicopter, Monday morning as aviation investigators begin sifting through the wreckage for evidence of what caused the crash. At far left is Jack Persch of the Aviation Safety Board at Ft. Rucker and James Bush, assistant fire chief on the Army base. Bush is a resident of Elba.



EYE WITNESS REPORT—Bill McClain, right, tells Public Information Officer Herb Strickland what he saw just before and after the Army helicopter crashed and killed the four occupants. Taking notes is Ron Culbreth, center, of the Andalusia Star News.

## Pre-Dawn Blaze Destroys Victoria Home

Fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Simmons of the Victoria community during pre-dawn hours Monday.

The couple managed to rescue their four young children from the blaze without any injuries, but were unable to save any clothing or household items. Volunteers from the Five Star Fire Department received the call at 4:20 but when they arrived approximately seven minutes later, the frame house was engulfed in flames.

Mrs. Simmons told neighbors she woke up with a toothache and started to the kitchen to get some medicine. But when she opened the kitchen door, the flames met her.

The Brundidge Fire Department also assisted Five Star volunteers in battling the blaze and preventing it from spreading to a nearby grocery store.

## Elba City Council Plans \$40,000 Street Project

The Elba City Council met Monday evening and heard reports from the police department on court cases, city engineer in proposed road resurfacing, the mayor on the city's financial status; and a list of complaints from Mrs. Marilyn Mills.

Other business included a report that the case of an inoperable street sweeper can possibly be settled by bidding on a new machine and requiring the old machine to be taken on a trade-in basis. Otherwise, Mayor Bob English told the councilmen, the case could stay in court for several years.

English also appointed council members to make recommendations for persons to fill expired board positions. Councilman Cleo Hawkins and John Sharpless will recommend a school board appointment for the seat now held by Fred Clark. Sonny Inman will make a recommendation for a planning and zoning board seat held by Lt. Wade; Charles Kennett and David Stokes will recommend two persons to the mental health board for Jake Bonneau's and Dr. John Kimney's positions.

City Engineer Jim Williams presented the council with a list of city streets which need resurfacing. State funds earmarked by law for resurfacing and repairs now total approximately \$40,000 for the city. Williams recommended Buford, Oak, and Ash Streets, Ash, Brookdale, and Pine Circles, and Forrest, for an estimated \$29,623. He added Seminole and Cherokee Streets to the list at approximately \$8,000 each and noted that Flourney Drive needs work badly, but the mayor did not

agree. Williams said English disagreed because of possible criticism that he lives on that street.

Williams said if the council could add a few thousand dollars to the proposed \$40,000, he could get a lot of extra street work finished. Several councilmen stated that Flourney Drive should not be left off the list simply because the mayor lives there, if the street needs repairs.

English reported the March sales tax had increased over previous months to \$32,000. He also noted that present trends indicated the city will end the year with a \$35,000 surplus despite the drastic cut in federal funds.

Mrs. Mills complained about the dog catcher not enforcing the leash law, the city not paving the section of Plant Avenue she lives on, speed limits on Guyton, weed killer on the levee, and asked for a \$534 reimbursement from the city for materials used to build a fence for her dog.

English told her the law limited use of the available money for repair work; the dog law is being enforced; refused to consider paying for her fence; cited limited funds for not killing the weeds on the levee; and asked Police Chief Ray Norris to give her an update on speed limit signs on Guyton Street.

Norris said new signs have been ordered and the law will be strictly enforced in the 25-mile-an-hour zone. On at least two occasions when Mrs. Mills disagreed with answers given by city officials, English stated that he wasn't going to argue the matter with her. He offered to discuss a matter with her in his office later. She promised to return to the next meeting, but expressed doubts it would do any good.

## Pam Williams Is Crowned Miss Elba



Pam Williams, a 17-year-old blonde, was crowned Miss Elba during pageant festivities Tuesday night. As the reigning beauty queen, Miss Williams will represent the city at various functions and events, including the National Peanut Festival Queen pageant to be held in Dothan next fall.

First runner-up in the competition was Vonda Marler and Kimala Parrish was the judges' selection as second runner-up to the crown.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Williams. She is a member of the Beta Club, VICA, Junior Music Lovers Club and was recently named to Who's Who Among American High School students. She is also a varsity cheerleader.

Both of the runners-up are members of the band and majorettes. Miss Marler is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Marler and Miss Parrish's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Parrish.

The contestants selected Lisa Grimes as Miss Congeniality.

## Pritchett Gets \$25,000 From County

The Coffee County Commission has been ordered to pay \$25,000 to a local teenager in connection with a 1979 accident.

Mike Pritchett was awarded the sum for damages which resulted from an accident he was involved in with a piece of county equipment. After one hour's deliberation, a circuit court jury in Elba ruled in the boy's favor last week.

The accident occurred when a county front-end loader was backing across the highway and collided with an automobile driven by Pritchett, then 16 years old. The original lawsuit sought \$200,000.

The county commission also has a new county engineer to replace Bill McClain who resigned the position earlier this month.

Charles G. Bowden of Route 2, Samson has assumed the engineering duties for the county. He has previously worked with the Geneva County Commission, as a civil engineer, drainage engineer, farmer, and owner of an Enterprise based engineering and land surveying company.



Lisa Grimes - Miss Congeniality

## Graduation Exercises Scheduled

Area graduation ceremonies begin Thursday night at county junior high schools and end on May 29 with Elba High School graduation.

According to County Superintendent Johnny Vaughan, commencement exercises will start at 8 p.m. tonight (Thursday) at Goodman Junior High School for the ninth graders. All the seniors attending Coffee County schools will receive their diplomas tomorrow night. Kinston and New Brockton's ceremonies are set at 7:30 p.m., while Zion Chapel's start at 8 p.m.

Elba High School's 91 seniors will have their baccalaureate services Sunday, May 24, in the high school auditorium. Rev. John Carmichael, pastor of Elba United Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon at 8 p.m. Special music will be presented by the senior chorus under the direction of Steve Thompson.

Graduation will start at 8 p.m. in Tiger Stadium.





## Brainstorms

By FERRIN COX

If you are lost or stranded somewhere with medical problems, no food, etc., think twice about how you attract rescuers. A man got lost in the wilderness area of northern Idaho last February and spent several days without food or medicine for a diabetic condition. Realizing his chances of living were slim if nothing happened, he set fire to a ranger station that was unoccupied. The next day he burned another frame building. This second one did the trick and he is alive. But holding a bill for \$62,803 from the federal government for the destroyed buildings. Now that big figure doesn't appeal the interest that will be added after this week. Ye ole editor hopes some compassionate legislator will take time from worldwide trips, getting raises in his retirement, etc., and get this man some relief.

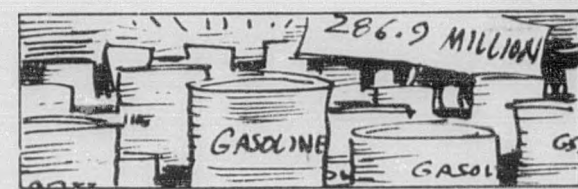
It has been some years since pranksters took the bug from the Enterprise Boll Weevil monument, but it happened again recently. Some person or persons cut the emblem from atop the statue and departed with it, leaving no calling card or promise to pay.

Last week the Piggly Wiggly formally opened in their new home in the Northwest Plaza, climaxed several years of planning, discussions and building. They are one of the anchor stores in the facility, along with T.G. & Y. and Harco Drugs. Manager Billy Jennings reported a "good week" last week, and said his staff was re-committed to giving grocery shoppers quality food at "down prices." They have promised us some interesting details on their "energy-efficient" facility that controls motors, lights and coolers by computer. We wish them well in their new store.

The old grocery building will be remodeled by The Peoples Bank into a new enlarged banking facility. President Lamar Rainer Jr. presented us with a bird's-eye-view drawing of the proposed facility, and we plan to publish it right away. In the meantime, any of you who want to join me in acting as sidewalk superintendent and assistant architect.

Another crop of teenagers will be graduating from high school in the next few weeks. Each year we see a hoard of bright, eager, almost-adults leave the nest with great visions, and each year we encourage them to fulfill their dreams. They have the ability, and with a lot of determination, they will make it to the top.

We have already voiced our opposition to our county commissioners' going to the national commissioners' convention. Now we understand the dates of the meeting conflict with the date Judge Gamble has set for them to appear in court on the jail situation. Now we wonder just which commissioner has the guts to look Judge Gamble in the eye and tell him of this conflict while he is still hearing ringing in his ears about how broke Coffee County really is. Of course they can explain that the money for the trip comes from monies not legally available for the jail construction. . . like maybe from road repair funds (cause the roads are in good shape)?



The Department of Energy reported recently that as of March, 1981, America's stocks of gasoline were at an all-time high: 286.9 million barrels.

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ROTARY CLUB-- Mondays, noon-Holley's Restaurant

EASTERN STAR -- 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 p.m.

ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. -- Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.--Holley's Restaurant

ELBA JAYCEES -- 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 p.m.--WELB.

ELBA CITY COUNCIL -- 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6 p.m.

ELBA LIONS CLUB -- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.--Holley's Restaurant

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD -- 1st Thursday, 5 p.m.--Superintendent's office

BPW -- 2nd Monday, 7 p.m.--Holley's Restaurant

AMERICAN LEGION -- 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.--Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

BOY SCOUTS -- Mondays, 7 p.m.--City Pool

WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD -- 2nd Tuesday, 5 p.m.--City Hall

ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 -- 1st & 3rd Saturday nights; 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.

WOW LODGE 458 -- 1st Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.--Masonic Hall, New Brockton

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## Letters to the editor

Dear Ferrin:

Reference your article in

last week's Elba Clipper

concerning the lawsuit filed

against the City of Elba by a

dog owner stating that the

city was responsible for the

death of his dog. I feel that

the citizens of Elba should

know the complete story.

On the morning of May 1,

1981, my mother called to

advise me that there was a

large dog on her carport and

he was very sick. He was

swollen and foaming at the

mouth. My father had tried

to coax the dog into moving

from the carport but he could

not get him to move. I

advised my parents not to go

near the dog. It appeared

that he might have been

rabid or snake bitten.

I called the police depart-

ment and advised them of

the problem and asked that

the animal control officer

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## POLICE DOCKET

The following are excerpts from the actual Elba Police Department log from Tuesday, May 12 through Monday, May 18. All names have been omitted.

### MONDAY, MAY 12

10:35 a.m. - Woman caller requested police on Winston Street, man acting funny, beat his head.

12:57 p.m. - Patrolman issued a citation to an Elba man for improper tag.

6:06 p.m. - Male caller advised kids breaking bottles at Weeks' car lot.

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

2:46 a.m. - Male caller advised an 18-wheeler disturbing neighborhood on 84 West.

7:35 a.m. - Female caller reported stray cats on Claxton Avenue.

7:55 a.m. - Male caller reported a stray dog on Putnam Street.

9:22 a.m. - Patrolman advised a picnic table gone from Jolly Jim's.

10:40 a.m. - Female caller reported a drunk black female on 87 North.

2:50 p.m. - Lady caller reported a woods fire on county road 37, eight miles from Elba.

3:10 p.m. - Lady caller reported woods fire out in the track.

3:17 p.m. - Man working with drain system reported.

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ed fire line is cut off on Thomas Avenue and Adams Street.

3:42 p.m. - Woman caller reported a grass fire at her home.

4:53 p.m. - Employee at Dorsey Trailers requested police put tickets on parked cars.

5:02 p.m. - Elba General Hospital reported a man just left hospital after being treated for cuts in his chest, legs, arms and stomach after falling in a pile of glass during a family matter.

6:03 p.m. - Patrolman issued six citations for illegal parking in front of Dorsey's.

7:31 p.m. - New Brockton Police Department issued a be-on-the-lookout for a 1977 blue Nova being driven by a white female.

11:28 p.m. - Lady caller requested police go to Ridgeway Lake and see if her mother is there.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

12:04 a.m. - Lady caller reported her mother has been located.

6:30 a.m. - New Brockton Police Department issued a be-on-the-lookout for a 1977 blue Nova. Female driver has father's car without permission.

10:51 a.m. - Female caller requested Rescue Squad at home on Samson High-

way, man has passed out.

12:11 p.m. - Caller reported a stray cat on Ann Street.

3:40 p.m. - Man reported someone hit his car while it was parked in T.G. & Y. parking lot and left.

4:04 p.m. - Lady caller advised she smelled smoke at May's Style Shop.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Morrow Village.

4:36 p.m. - An Elba man is arrested and placed in the county jail, charged with public intoxication.

5:37 p.m. - An Elba man is arrested and released on bond, charged with assault third degree.

10:54 p.m. - Lady caller advised she heard gunshots at hospital.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

8:00 a.m. - Hospital requested Rescue Squad make transfer to an Enterprise hospital.

8:56 a.m. - Male caller requested two dogs be picked up.

9:00 a.m. - Patrolman issued a parking violation.

10:14 a.m. - Patrolman issued three parking violations.

11:07 a.m. - Male caller reported dogs running loose on Sunset Blvd.

11:32 a.m. - Pharmacist from Harco Drugs reported a man with no driver's

license tried to have prescription filled, might be a phony.

11:48 a.m. - Male caller reported dogs are running loose on Sunset Blvd.

12:04 p.m. - Male caller reported a woods fire on County Road 21.

12:08 p.m. - Work Release Center requested a dog be picked up.

12:28 p.m. - Hospital requested Rescue Squad make transfer to a Montgomery hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Patrolman issued a parking citation.

2:14 p.m. - Enterprise hospital requested Rescue Squad transfer a patient from emergency room to Elba Nursing Home.

6:41 p.m. - Woman caller reported a man doing reckless driving on Plant Avenue.

10:04 p.m. - Lady caller requested police come to hospital.

11:11 p.m. - Lady caller requested police at Tuddiebug's.

MONDAY, MAY 18

12:21 a.m. - Hospital requested police.

4:18 a.m. - Caller reported a house fire in Victoria.

6:22 a.m. - Male caller complained cows in his garden on Taylor Mill Road.

6:45 a.m. - Man in station complained that a dog is digging up his garden.

8:10 a.m. - All units are advised of a helicopter crash on Rose Hill Road.

8:50 a.m. - Lady caller requested police at Human Resource Center.

12:00 p.m. - Male caller reported stray dogs on Kinston Highway.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

10:31 a.m. - Male caller reported a wreck in front of Western Auto.

11:08 a.m. - Caller reported a wreck in Piggly Wiggly parking lot.

1:08 p.m. - Male caller reported a grass fire on





# PASTOR'S CORNER

REV. JIM ARBOGAST  
FIRST ASSEMBLY

## LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE

Your conscience is a good thing to listen to - if it's working that is! It does seem that conscience has ceased to function in some people's lives. Maybe it has developed laryngitis or lost its voice, or perhaps they have just stopped listening to it.

Why is this? Perhaps the fault is in the pulpits as much as in the pew. We don't hear

many sermons these days on plain, old-fashioned honesty. Are ministers afraid if they preach on such obvious themes as lying, stealing, and simple integrity, they will lose their audience?

The fact is that scriptural preaching on right and wrong is never out of style. God raised up prophets in Israel to point their fingers at people's sins and warn them that unless they repented and changed their ways they

would suffer punishment from Heaven. Today the finger needs to be pointed again.

When the call to holy living is sounded from the pulpit, the voice of conscience will be heard in the pew. People need to be reminded that "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12.

What is conscience? A small boy defined it as "something that makes you tell your mother before you steal a cookie." A French proverb says, "there is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience."

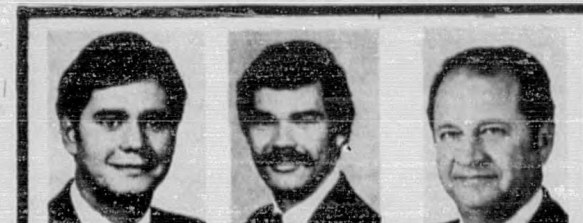
Thank God, it's possible to have our hearts "sprinkled" from a guilty conscience (Hebrews 10:22) for all our guilt. The precious blood of Jesus will "purge" our conscience if we confess our sins; but unless we are quick to confess them to God, we will grow careless and our conscience will become defiled. Ultimately it may become "seared."

If our hearts and minds are enlightened by the Scriptures, conscience becomes a faithful monitor - either approving or disapproving our course of action.

Someone has said that "conscience, like a pencil, must be sharpened before it is useful." The preaching of the Word is the best sharpener.

So we need to regulate our conscience by frequent checks with the Word of Truth, and we need to obey it. When we do, we save ourselves a heap of trouble.

**Revival planned at Sasser's Mill**  
Sasser's Mill Assembly of God will have a revival May 24 through 31. Times will be: Sunday, 8:30; Monday, Saturday, 7:00. Speaker will be Rev. T.H. Spence.



Doug Donaldson

## "ASK US"

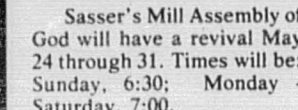
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"Go ahead, ask me."



## Student tapped for school service

Mickey Donaldson, a sophomore at Gadsden State Junior College, from Elba, received the 1980-81 President's Cup Award at Gadsden State Junior College's Honors Day Program recently. The President's Cup award is the most prestigious one presented at the college. The student selected by faculty vote to receive this award has exhibited outstanding leadership abilities, has maintained a high scholastic average, and has provided unselfish service to the college and the community.

Mickey has served as the 1980-81 student government president, was elected to "Who's Who Among Junior and Community Colleges," and was elected as "Mr. Gadsden State" for 1980-81. He also served as the student representative on the recruitment and retention committee and traffic appeals committee. He organized a dormitory committee for on-campus housing.

Mickey is a 1971 graduate of Elba High School, and is the son of Mrs. Cora Donaldson and the late Mr. J.C. Donaldson. He plans to attend Jacksonville State University.

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of May 12 - 18 include the following:

Sherry Harrison, Lizzie Stephens, Sam Kelley, Charles Thomas, Howard Flowers, Joseph McKenzie, Buster Maddox, Christopher Lee, Pastine Blackmon, Naomi Henderson, Johnny Smith, Doug Hudson, Ellen Henderson, Janet Lockett, Carlos Smith, Fred Qualls, Mary Moody, Oscar Sasser, Gerald Johnson, J.C. Wright, Mazell Lee, Melinda Seacat, Lenard McBride, Agnes Mack, Grover Williams, Sybil Scott.

Those discharged during the same period of time include: Elizabeth Dunnaway, Grover Kelley, Rosa Coleman, Fannie Farmer, Curtis Hodge, J.D. Saw, Sherry Harrison, Sybil Hutto, Sam Kelley, Charlotte Blackmon, Ora Kelley, Jim Carr, Lucile Griffith, H.H. Culver, Marlinde Hall, Ralph Herring, Sheila Miles, Bell Whittington, Doug Hudson, Derek Young, Buster Maddox, Maude Martin, Charlotte Thomas, Howard Flowers, Ellen Henderson, Grady Harper, Charles Cole, Christopher Lee.

There will be singing in the afternoon, with "The Chosen Ones," as guest singers.

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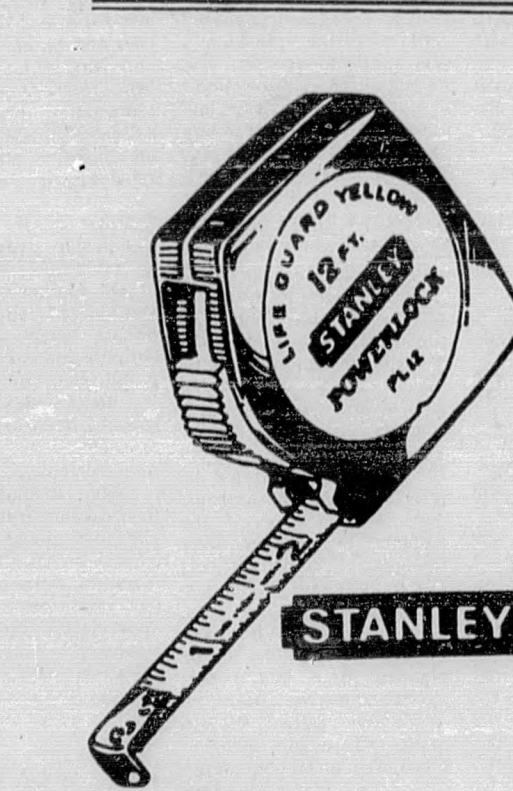
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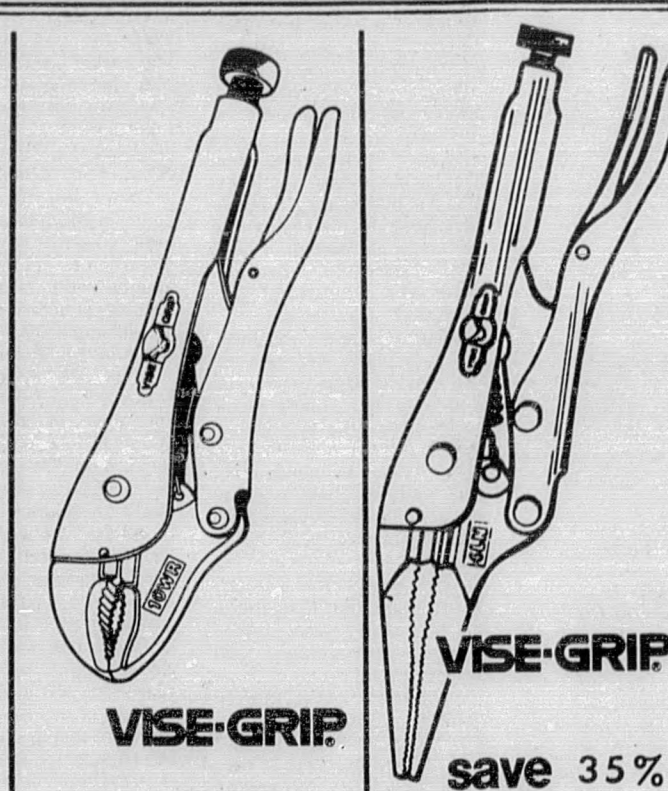
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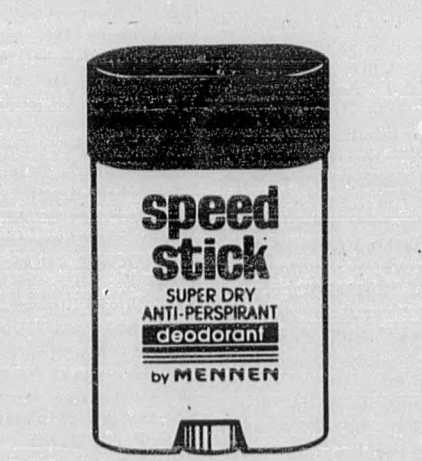


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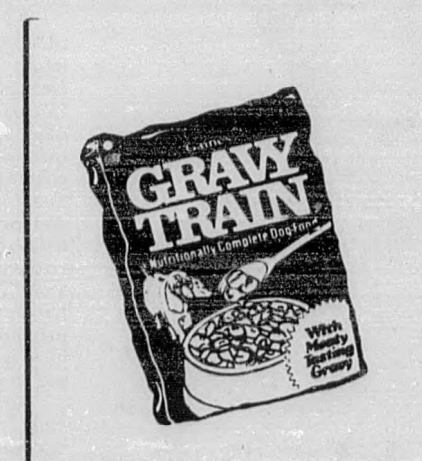
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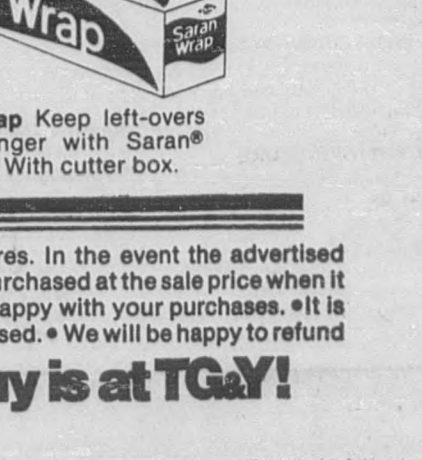
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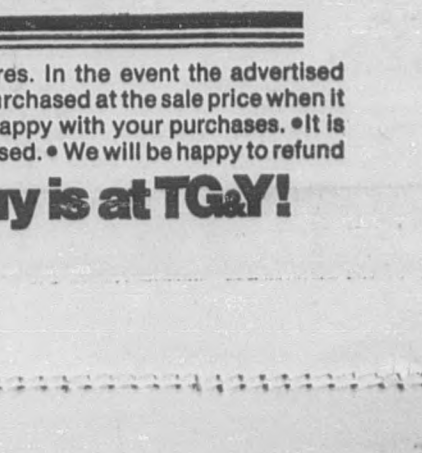
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## SOCIAL NOTES

Miss Sharpe To Wed  
Mr. GroomCyndia Sharpe  
Receives Degree

Mr. and Mrs. Max H. Sharpe of Huntsville, Alabama, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cyndia Sharpe, to James Marion Groom, son of Mrs. Mary Sue Groom of Andalusia, and the grandson of Mr. C.W. Ellenburg and the late Nannie B. Ellenburg of Gantt.

Miss Sharpe is a 1978 graduate of Grissom High School in Huntsville. She will graduate from the University of Alabama in July with a B.S. degree in Marketing. She was a member of Phi Chi Theta business honorary society, an Alabama baseball player, a Pi Kappa Phi Little Sister, and a member of Pi Beta Phi social sorority. She will be employed by Davison's in Atlanta as a junior executive.

Mr. Groom graduated from Andalusia High School in 1974. He graduated cum laude from The University of Alabama in 1977 with a B.S. degree in Accounting. He was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi honorary fraternities and Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. He is a CPA in the states of Alabama and Georgia, and is currently employed by Price, Waterhouse & Co. in Atlanta as a senior tax accountant.

The wedding will be an event of July 18, at 6 o'clock in the evening at the Weatherly Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville. All friends and relatives are welcome to attend.

## Miss McCollough Honored On Birthday

Miss Sandi McCollough was honored with a surprise dinner party by her grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Smith, for her fifteenth birthday, Friday night, May 15. Helping Sandi celebrate

## Symphonic Band To Have Concert

The Elba High School symphonic band will present their annual spring concert tonight (Thursday), May 21, at 7 o'clock. They will perform the following selections:

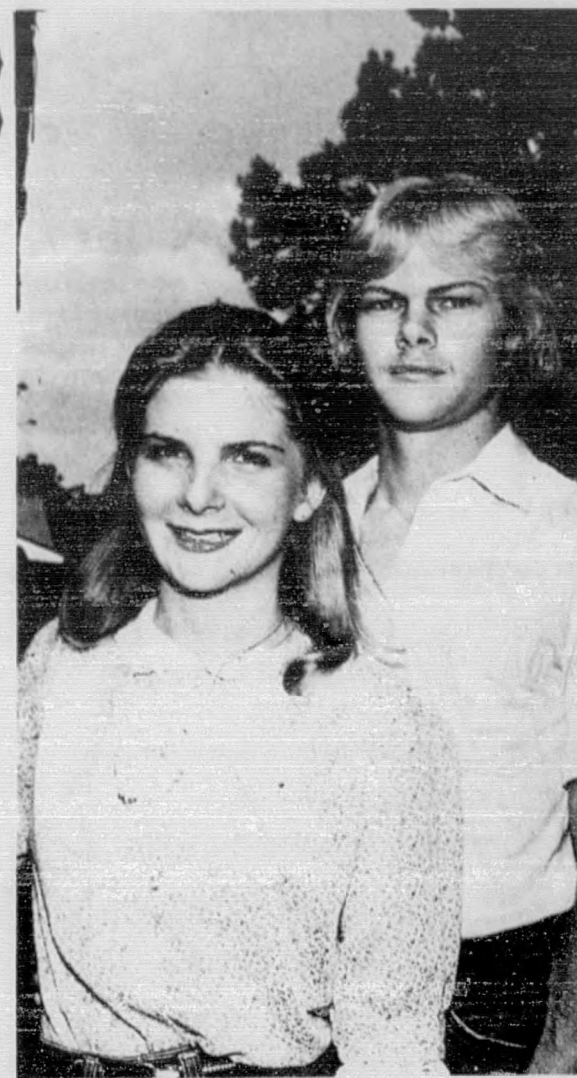
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Washington Post March - Sousa  
Variation Overture - ...  
Heritage West - ...  
Wilderness Overture - ...  
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Stars and Stripes Forever - Sousa

"This concert is dedicated to the citizens of Elba. We have also been set out in the flower boxes."

Over 40 students participated in the Solo and Ensemble contest in Enterprise, and ten students attended all-state tryouts in Brewton. These students and those who will receive annual band awards will be recognized at this concert.

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Miss Danford-Mr. Newton

Miss Danford To Marry  
Mr. Newton

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie J. Danford of Rt. 1, Enterprise, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sonya Denise, to Robert Franklin Newton Jr., son of Mrs. Sara Moore of Montgomery and of Mr. Robert Newton Sr. of Elba.

The bride-elect attends Enterprise High School where she is a member of the Enterprise Wildcat Band and National Honor Society.

Mr. Newton is a 1980 graduate of Elba High School. He attends Region Electronic Technical School in Birmingham, and is employed by Capital Real Estate Company at Devonshire Apartments in Birmingham.

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## Azalea Garden Club Has Final Meeting Of Year

The Azalea Garden Club held its final meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Baxter Bryan, Mrs. Flourey Whitman and Mrs. Nellie Martin assisted in entertaining the 22 members who attended.

Mrs. Oscar Vaughan Jr. presided over the business session which included a report from the civic committee that 18 boxwoods had been donated for planting at the nursing home. Marigolds have also been set out in the flower boxes.

Mrs. Lloyd Crook reported

## BPW Hears About Insurance Needs

"Women's Insurance Needs" was the topic at the Elba BPW Club on May 11, when Mrs. Edna Smart was guest speaker. The meeting was held at Holley's Restaurant with Carrie Jacobs, president, presiding. Mrs. Smart was introduced by Gussie Smart, program chairman.

Mrs. Smart, department head at National Security Insurance Company, said "Women's insurance needs are rapidly changing because of the changes occurring in women's roles of life. During the last decade, inflation has forced 50 percent of the women to the job market. An awareness of women's insurance needs has been realized, such needs stem from unexpected death expenses, maintaining comfortable lifestyle, increasing rate of the single parent as head of the household, retirement plans and educational provisions."

During the business session, plans were discussed for the Opp. Andalusia and Elba area family picnic to be held June 8. Special entertainment will be provided by the Andalusia club. The white elephant sale will be held in conjunction with the scholarship program in August.

Delegates to the Alabama State Federation Convention on May 16-17 were Carrie Jacobs, Carol Johnson and Bettye Adkins.

The 1981-82 officers were installed by Mable Lawless, a charter member of the club. She presented roses to each new officer in a challenge to the new year. The club and community. Members repeated the club pledge in unison as the meeting adjourned.

Others present were Jean Moore, Jean Morrow, Sybil Myers, Mary Jon Kelley, Klara Grantham and Aileen Ziglar.

Miss Danford is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret B. Smith and Henry J. Smith of Elba, and Mrs. C.H. Danford of New Brockton. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Zetina Brunson of Elba, and of Mrs. Nannie Danford of New Brockton.

Mr. Newton is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Fillingim of Opp and of Mrs. Mary Newton of Elba. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Ethel Fillingim of Elba.

The couple will be united in matrimony in the Bethany Baptist Church of New Brockton on July 24, 1981, at 7 o'clock in the evening. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.



## Mrs. Yelverton Is Vice President In AIRGA

Mrs. Gladys Yelverton, Elba, counselor at Enterprise State Junior College, was recently elected vice-president-elect of the Alabama Personnel and Guidance Association, (AIPGA), District IX. She assumed office at the spring meeting and will serve as program chairman during the 1981-82 school year.

Mrs. Yelverton, an active member of AIPGA for six years, served on the District IX Board of Directors three years prior to her election as vice-president. She earned her AA degree at ESJC and has BS and MS degrees at Troy State University. She completed requirements for the Ed.S. degree in Counselor Education at the University of Alabama, and has worked in education at the elementary, secondary and junior college levels.

Other organizations to which she belongs are the American Association of University Women, The University of Alabama Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Alabama College Personnel Association and Alabama Education Association.

Mrs. Yelverton and her husband, E.J. Yelverton, have two sons.

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Oh, yes, their skill and competent driving was most memorable and pleasant as they parked in Atlanta at Bev's apartment. Too, they had arrived in due time to join Bev's Sunday School class for a few days outing at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Surprised at their accomplishment? Well, they

## AROUND THE TOWN

Mrs. Nellie Martin

late because of her sister, Mrs. Fryer's illness in Ozark. Mrs. Fryer, formerly of Brundridge, now resides in a nursing home in Ozark.

At present Mrs. Johnson is convalescing at Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham. Her lovely personality continues to glow although her general attitude is somewhat unresponsive.

Elizabeth related to the Wars that Paul and Catherine had visited with her earlier in the day, and had shared good news that was most encouraging. Dr. Lightfoot, of Montgomery, a personal friend of Elizabeth's, is making plans to move her to a nursing home in Montgomery. Naturally this will be a boost to Elizabeth's morale, and hopefully the awakening of special exuberance and zest. He will supervise her therapy and other medication.

We Elba friends are happy to hear from Elizabeth and most of all, to learn about her new experiences of hope, help and success - now her confidence and spirit will begin to escalate.

While she and the late Dr. Leslie and sons were here, they were so helpful, considerate, tactful, diplomatic, thoughtful, benevolent, generous and kind. They were friends to everyone. These are just a few characteristics of the Johnsons. We talk of choosing our friends - but friends are self-selected. Elizabeth, continue to let your light and faith shine. Its glow will illuminate the hearts of others. Our love for you and yours has no bounds!

To some extent, we can readily say it was more or less unrequited, but definitely not unplanned, because it included nine of ours that were scattered "all over," and was not lacking in minute details and quality action.

Too, somewhere in the background there had to be some personal feelings, designating the kind of emotions that binds personal feelings by ties of the heart as well as the mind. I'll just say the right word - love!

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put their heads together, used their resourceful minds and became ingenious, and above all - brilliantly clever. They are now at home, and on the job. Bunny is a capable employee, of Stand and Roofing in Montgomery, while Bev is an interior decorator in Atlanta. Yes, Bunny and Bev, love makes the world go round!

\*\*\*Judge Terry Butts enjoyed a spend-the-day from Dad and Mom. When Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Butts drive over from Luverne, Terry immediately forgets he's on a diet. Mom still remembers his favorite things and special foods.

\*\*\*Nice things happen to nice people - even if "she" is my big sister!

On Mother's Day, Miss Pearl was completely surprised when Rev. Billy Gregory announced from the pulpit that the WMU of Woodland Grove Church had selected her - Mrs. Pearl B. Moseley - as Mother of Achievement.

Mrs. Richard (Roslyn) Brown came from the choir loft and pinned a lovely corsage on her shoulder. Her reactions were tears of joy that smothered her words of appreciation and gratitude. However, we the family, are rejoicing with her. Your thoughtfulness and manners are the happy way of doing things.

\*\*\*Yes, it was a picnic in modern style. Nothing old-fashioned was evident. The picnic was held at the Young At-Heart. Age, inefficiency or displacement by something superior did not change the old-fashioned home cooking.

The site of this enjoyable affair was under the whispering pines and other natural scenery at the picnic area at the Coffee County Public Lake.

Enjoying the solitude of nature, the socialization was warm, cordial and most enjoyable. The wind frolicked with pretty hair styles and sensitive ears. There were no extra uninvited guests like flies, mosquitoes or even ants.

Enjoying every minute of this merry-month-of-May social were Mr. and Mrs. Gethel Pinkard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holman, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bowdoin, Mr. and Mrs. Maude Deane, Mrs. John D. Lowery, Mrs. John M. Taylor, Mrs. Marion Taylor, Mrs. Lucille DeVane, Mrs. G.P. Miles, Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. Maude Deane, Mrs. George Lindsey, Mrs. Pearl Moseley, Dr. Judson Vaughn and this writer.

It was such a beautiful day, and a special area of a beautiful world to enjoy. It really has been classified as a day of thanksgiving, as well as a day to count our blessings. The big question: Where can we put our prayers? Think on these things, Phil 4:8.

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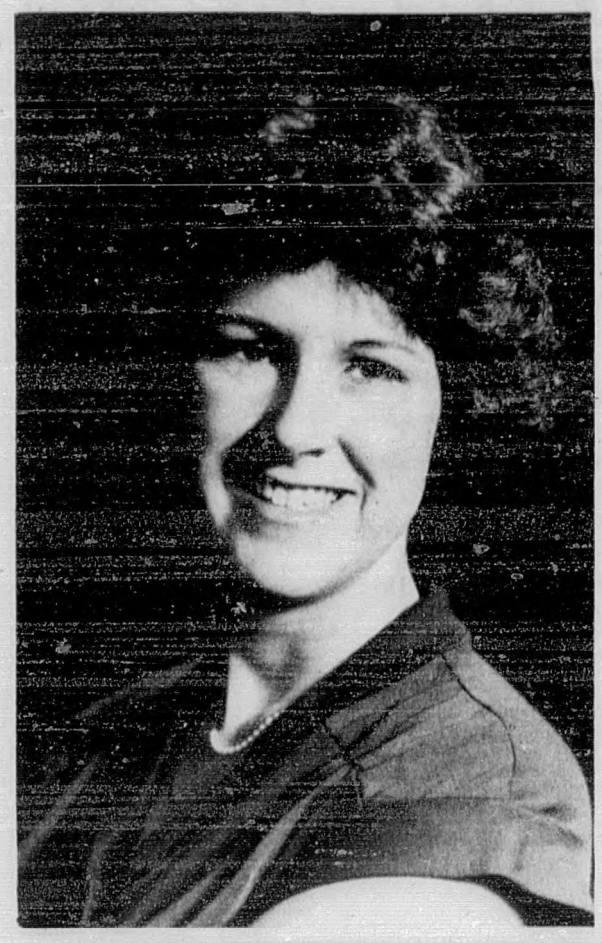
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Duke Tatum  
Elba, Alabama

Taking time for a picture before forming the receiving line were three grandmothers, seated from left to right, Mrs. Katherine Dorsey, Mrs. Bessie Braxwell and Mrs. Bernice Hayes while standing from left are Mrs. Nona Cooper, mother of the groom-to-be, Stacey Dorsey, the honoree and Mrs. Dixie Dorsey, mother of the bride-to-be.

## Miss Dorsey Feted With Afternoon Tea

Miss Stacey Dorsey was honored with a tea on Saturday afternoon, May 16, at the home of Mrs. Florrie Wright. Stacey will marry Mr. Tommy Cooper in June - they are children of two of Elba's oldest families.

Stacey was lovely in an afternoon dress of turquoise chiffon piped in purple, with a purple orchid at her shoulder.

The beautiful roses used in decoration were from the gardens of Louise Cooper, Mrs. McCreey, Erlene Poole and Jean Paul. Placed about the house they created a lovely party atmosphere. Yellow and coral rosebuds and full blooms were arranged on the round coffee table set before the yellow sofa which had coral throw cushions; and in a tall brass umbrella stand were long-stemmed coral roses and sprays of white chrysanthemums.

On the tea table dozens of red roses spilled from a brass footed crystal bowl, their color enhancing the roses embroidered on the delicate lace banquet cloth.

The entry was marked with a basket of pink and white miniature chrysanthemums mixed with spring greenery and white doves, the carnations a thoughtful gift from Pat and Henry Clark, as were the yellow and pink carnations scattered throughout the family room, filling silver pitchers and crystal bowls and accentuating the colors of the displayed china.

Susan Dorsey registered the guests at a mahogany table in the foyer. The table was covered with one of Florrie's favorite cloths, and graced with a pot of purple orchids cultivated by Mary Virginia Dorsey.

Cheryl Cooper and Kathy Hayes Bassett, Dixie's sister from Troy, served strawberry punch from a crystal punch bowl, and Tiffany Harper offered the guests tiny sandwiches - sand tart crescents, cheese wedding rings and handmade bride's mints, all placed on cut glass platters.

The three grandmothers who were present and enjoyed the festive occasion were Mrs. Katherine Dorsey, Mrs. Bessie Braxwell, and Mrs. Bernice Hayes of New Brockton.

Hostesses for the tea and bridal shower were Becky Hayes, Mary Belle Tatum, Annie Bess Rowe, June English, Martha Tatum, Carolyn Stokes, Gloria Harper, Florrie Wright, JoAnn Cannon and Pat Williams of Enterprise. They were assisted by Ann Wright Mathews of Montgomery, and her daughter, Susan Meeks.

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Buttered Corn  
Sliced Cheese  
Ice Cream Sandwich  
Milk

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Buttered Corn  
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**ELBA JUNIOR SCOUTS**—Members of Scout Troop 342 receiving their badges and wings during last week's banquet. Members of Troop 399 are, from left, Quiss Jones, Stacy Ward, Grissy Walker, Christy Smith, Christie Farris, Tammy Hodge, and Ayanne Smith; back from left, Carol Smith, Kathy Fuller, Tina Coleman, Catherine King, Wendy Bowdoin, Leigh Ann Jones, Calista Fleming, and Jo Linda Farris.

**GIRL SCOUTS HONORED**—During the annual Girl Scout banquet held last week, Elba Scouts were honored for the hard work and devotion they put into their activities during the past year. Members of Troop 399 are, from left, Quiss Jones, Stacy Ward, Grissy Walker, Christy Smith, Christie Farris, Tammy Hodge, and Ayanne Smith; back from left, Carol Smith, Kathy Fuller, Tina Coleman, Catherine King, Wendy Bowdoin, Leigh Ann Jones, Calista Fleming, and Jo Linda Farris.

## Girl Scout Banquet



**JUNIOR TROOP 446**—Receiving recognitions for their participation in the Elba Scout program from Junior Troop 446 are, from left, Sharon Farris, Deanna Donaldson, Deloris McBride, and Tammy Williams; second row from left, Lataya Knox, Debra Roberts, and Penny Jones; third row, Tangle Spinks, Alicia Rowe, Kim McBride, Kathryn Williams, and back row, Sue Bogan, troop leader, Christy Free, Jean Driggers, worker, Beverly McCall, worker, and Danett Bogan.



**BROWNIE SCOUTS**—Members of Brownie Troop 268 are from left, Tammy Morrow, Christie Sauls, and Brook Daugherty; back row from left, Janice Daugherty, troop leader, Lori Weeks, Robin Kyle, Nicole Semonelle, and Faye Kyle, troop leader. Not pictured is Allison Campbell.



**HONORED BY THE SCOUTS**—Janet King (left), was presented with a special award by the Elba Girls Scouts during their annual banquet last week for her work as the service unit coordinator of the local troop last year. Presenting the plaque and certificate to Mrs. King are Fran Chesser (middle), field director, and Elaine Semonelle, the service unit coordinator for this year.

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## New Brockton Elementary Has Graduation Exercises

Graduation exercises were held recently at New Brockton Elementary School to honor students in the sixth grade and kindergarten classes. It marked the first graduation ceremonies held at the new elementary school.

Holley Strickland  
Willie Taylor, Jr.  
Tina Watson  
Cedric Williams  
Jennifer Wilson  
Jason Windham

### SIXTH GRADE

Dianne Andrews  
Michael Andrews  
Amanda Akers  
Sherri Bass  
Brett Blissette  
Keri Butt  
Jimmy Cassel  
Carol DuBose  
Lisa Flowers  
Steve Foster  
Michael Fountain  
Chris Goosby  
Jan Graves  
Dennis Griffin  
Darrell Griswold  
Timothy Griswold  
Debra Hardwick  
Carmen Harris  
Lisa Haynes  
Angie Hollis  
Carol Jean Howell  
Wendy Hyatt  
Varrick Jackson

Bobby Johnson  
Leon Knox  
Suzanne Lasseter  
Ben Lassiter  
Steve Lewis  
Shon Lindsey  
Pam Maddox  
Judi McNeil  
Susan Miller  
Martha Mills  
Nancy Mills  
Tammy O'Ferrell  
Brian Peacock  
Holly Peacock

Ronald Pope  
David Rhodes  
Chris Senn  
Curtis Smith  
Kim Smith  
John Stiefel  
Linda Taylor  
Odell Thomas  
Sammy Thomas  
Devon Tubbs  
Dana Whittaker  
Myron Williams  
Tracy Williams  
Jennifer Ziglar

The sixth graders sang their class song and then the honor students were announced. Carmen Harris was named salutatorian and Debra Hardwick was named valedictorian. After a trio of students—Sherri Bass, Brett Blissette, and Holly Peacock—sang a song, diplomas were awarded.

Following is the list of graduates:

### KINDERGARTEN

Tiffany Andrews  
Michael Allums  
Brian Bowman  
Ronnie Bradshaw  
Christopher Brooks  
Edward Brust  
Christopher Bryant  
Jessie Capps  
LaTarsha Cole  
Christopher Coleman  
Trevor Davis  
Jonathan Donaldson  
Mark Edgar  
Stacy Faucette  
Mary Griffin  
Wilbur Hall  
Pace Holley  
Dana Howell  
Tyronne Kelley  
Kindra Kilow  
James Locke  
Carl Martin  
Michelle McCall  
Jennifer Merrifield  
Kip Moorman  
Joe Owens  
Sonya Page  
Jason Powell  
Kevin Scarbough  
Anthony Sims  
Hope Spiegner  
Keith Stephenson

### Students To Get Degrees At Samford

Two area students at Samford University will receive degrees Saturday, May 23, as the university graduates one of its largest classes in history. They are: Dale Anita, McCahan, Associate of Science in Nursing, New Brockton, and Mary Carolyn Foreman, Bachelor of Science in Education, Elba.

### Good Luck Grads!

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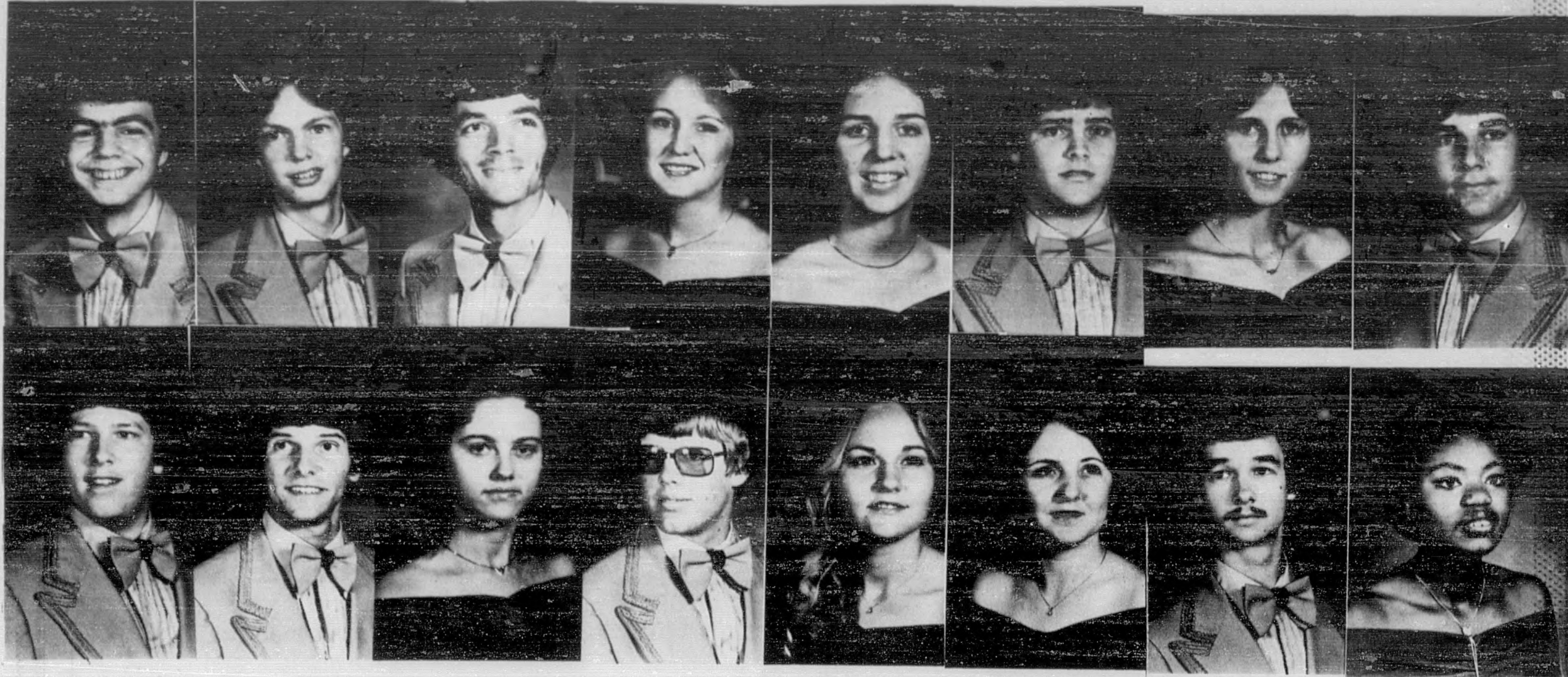
# Congratulations, Grads

## Step Out Into the Future In Your Hometown

There's a challenging and exciting world awaiting all of you, our community's distinguished Graduates! You've completed a very significant phase in your young lives and now bigger and better experiences lie ahead. Whatever path each of you may venture on, always remember that the friends and neighbors of your community will be behind you with continued support. We're proud of the accomplishments you have achieved up till now, and even prouder of the challenges you're sure to meet in the future. We'll be rooting for you every step of the way...for your future is also ours. Congratulations and continued success, Grads!

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Carol Cain, Mike Carnley

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David Holley, Patricia Henderson



## 1981 KINSTON GRADUATES

ROW 1, L to R:  
Roger Harrison, Tony Harrison, Marlin Hataway, Michael Jackson, Lisa Kelley, Relon Lisenby,  
Ronnie Mack, Bill Mullins

ROW 2, L to R:  
Melissa Matthews, Jimmy Rogers, Jeff Rhodes, Drew Reeves, Scott Sansom, Michael Stanley,  
Chris Weeks, Johnny Wiggins

ROW 3, L to R:  
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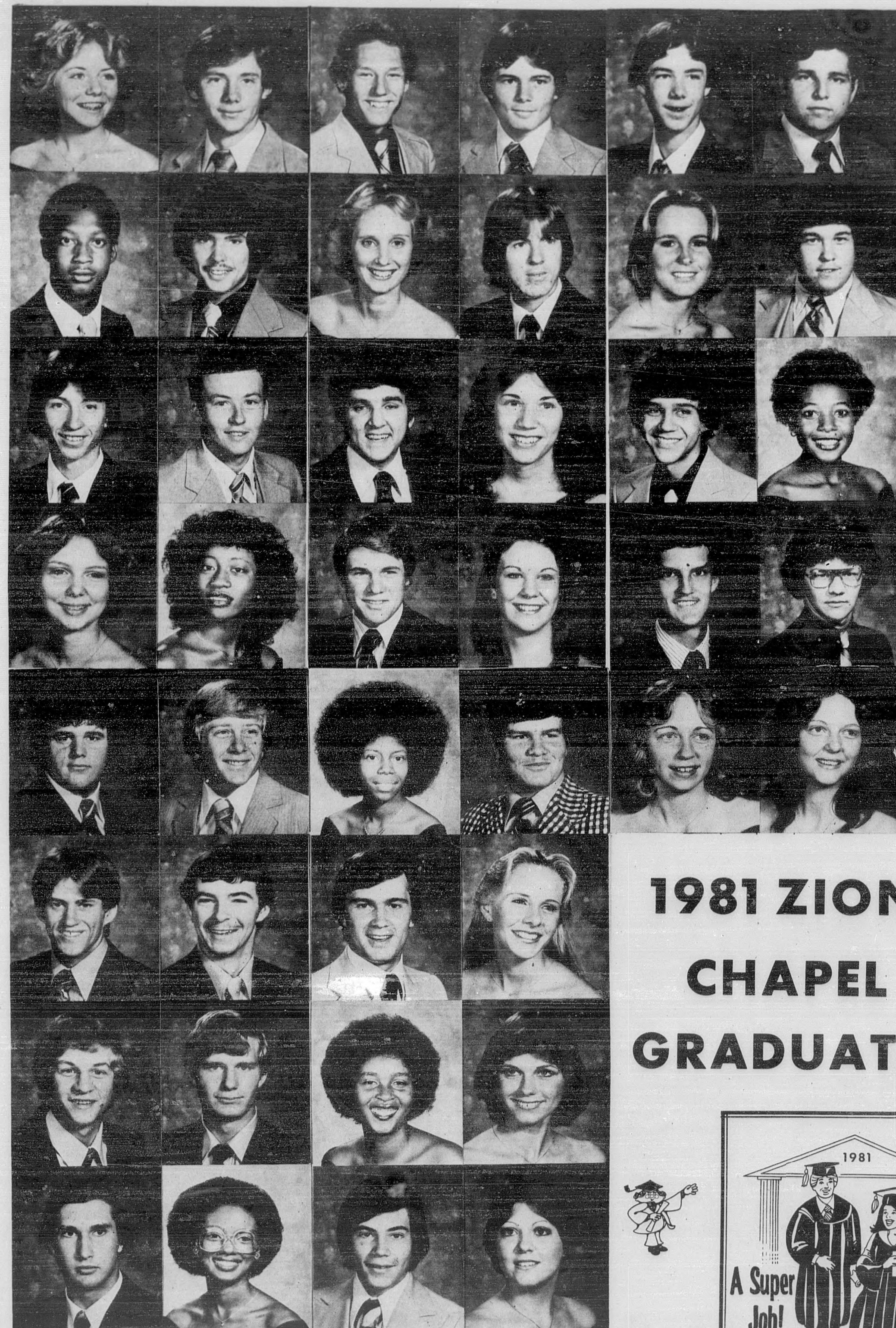
All of your friends will be going their separate ways. Whole new worlds will be opening up for you, full of fascinating and sobering discoveries. But your paths will cross from time-to-time, bringing back all of the warm and funny memories. As you choose your individual roads to travel, we want to wish you all the happiness and success in the world.

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**THIRD ROW, L TO R:**  
Lake Maddox, Larry McWaters, Phillip Pyfrom, Donna Rugg, Danny Turner, Lorene Warren

**FOURTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Sandra Mobley, Vivian Moultry, Mark Sanders, Melanie Sanders, Robert Waters, Hayes White

**FIFTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Mike Ammons, Dwayne Bell, Annie Davis, William Davis, Sherry White, Pam Wilson

**SIXTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Terry Brunson, Tony Calhoun, Boyd Deal, Vickie Ellison

**SEVENTH ROW, L TO R:**  
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William Alfred Brazelton, Jr., Margaret Ann Brooks, Hollis Troy Brown, Mildred Jane Brown, Sara Juanita Calhoun, David Charles Carpenter

**THIRD ROW, L TO R:**  
Eddie Coleman, Debbie Jane Compton, Kim Roylene Coon, Martha Jane Crocker, Fred Lewis Davis, Sherrie Lynn Donaldson

**FOURTH ROW, L TO R:**

David Benton Dorsey, Stacey Lee Dorsey, Brenda Jean Duncan, Bobby Mack English, Jr., Christopher Robert English, Scotty Clifford Farmer

**FIFTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Deborah Ann Fitzgerald, Dianne Elaine Flowers, Jerome Flowers, Jerry Kevin Fuller, Etheridge Dwight Gunnells, David Chastain Hamm

**SIXTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Charles Phillip Hayes, IV, Steven Leon Holliday, Donell Horstead, Donna Maria Hudson, Gregory Powers Hudson, M. Timothy Johnson

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Thomas Von Moore, James Dean Morris, Sharon Grimes Morris, Paul Mason Morrow, Carolyn Lavone Musgrove, Rhonda Danford Newman

**TENTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Melissa Angelina Nolin, Barbara Ann Odom, Gary Wayne Parker, Jeffrey Lee Patterson, Shirley Ann Pouncey, Fredrick L. Reed

**ELEVENTH ROW, L TO R:**  
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**TWELFTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Fredia Gail Smith, Tammy Lisa Smith, Dale Patrick Stinson, Gina Lynn Stokes, Donald Gene Sykes, Edward Jonathan Tillis

**THIRTEENTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Traci Twilley, Holly Vaughan, Mary Allyson Vaughan, Betty S. Wade, Onnie Bell Wade, Melissa Ann White

**FOURTEENTH ROW, L TO R:**  
Donna Deanne Williams, Gloria Michelle Williams, Patti Marie Williams, Timothy Williams, Bradley S. Wilson, Mark Lucious Young

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## 1981 NEW BROCKTON GRADUATES

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**SECOND ROW, L-R:**  
Janet Ellen Bowden, Carla Diane Breidenstein, David Helms, Shelia Jane Hines, Debra Lynn Miller, Debra Kay Morris

**THIRD ROW, L-R:**  
Cynthia Kay Byrd, Melvin K. Cooper, Mellonie Mary Hollis, Brenda Horace, Ricky Leroy Nelson, Michael Edwin Phillips

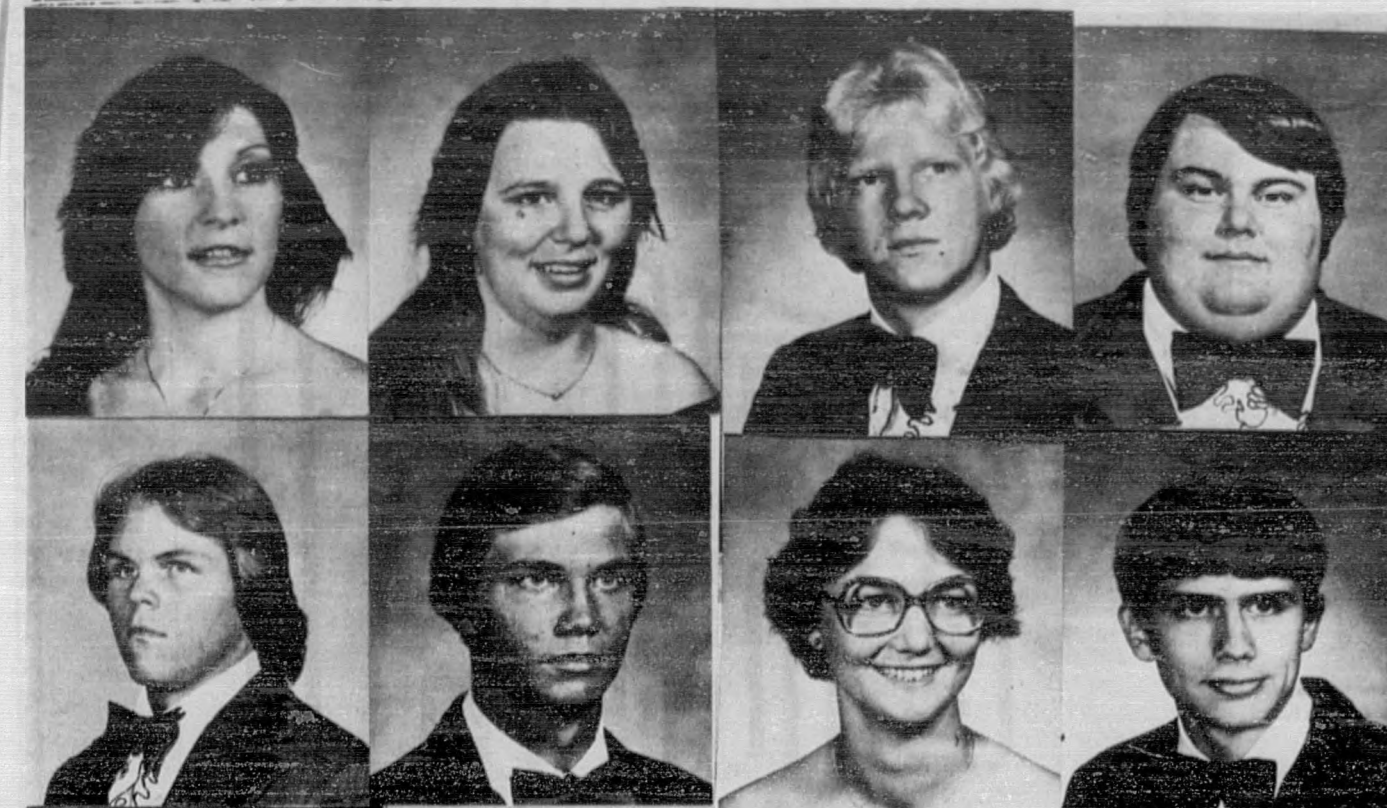
**FOURTH ROW, L-R:**  
Paula Renee Driggers, Kimberly Renee Flowers, Veronica Lucinda Hornsby, Sharon Horstead,

Sondra Patti Pittman, Harriet Marlene Rhodes

**FIFTH ROW, L-R:**  
Shelia Dawn Flowers, Glen Scot Foster, David Marlin Roberts, Bobby Keith Roberts, Donna Marie Smith, Donna Wyrosdick Smith

**SIXTH ROW, L-R:**  
Debbie Smith, Allie Elizabeth Goosby, Melinda Carol Roberts, Julia Mae Rodgers, Benny Ray Snell, Peggy Snell

**SEVENTH ROW, L-R:**  
Robert Daniel Gouge II, Tim Grant, Darryal Lee Senn, Sherrie Sue Shelley, Karen Ann Strickland, Tammy Teresa Taylor



## NEW BROCKTON HIGH GRADUATES

**FIRST ROW, L-R:** Brenda Ruth Hutchinson, David Glen Thomas, Jeffery Lamar Lee

**SECOND ROW, L-R:** James Earl Hutto, Stacey Kelley, Levis Jane Maddox, William Terry McCrummen

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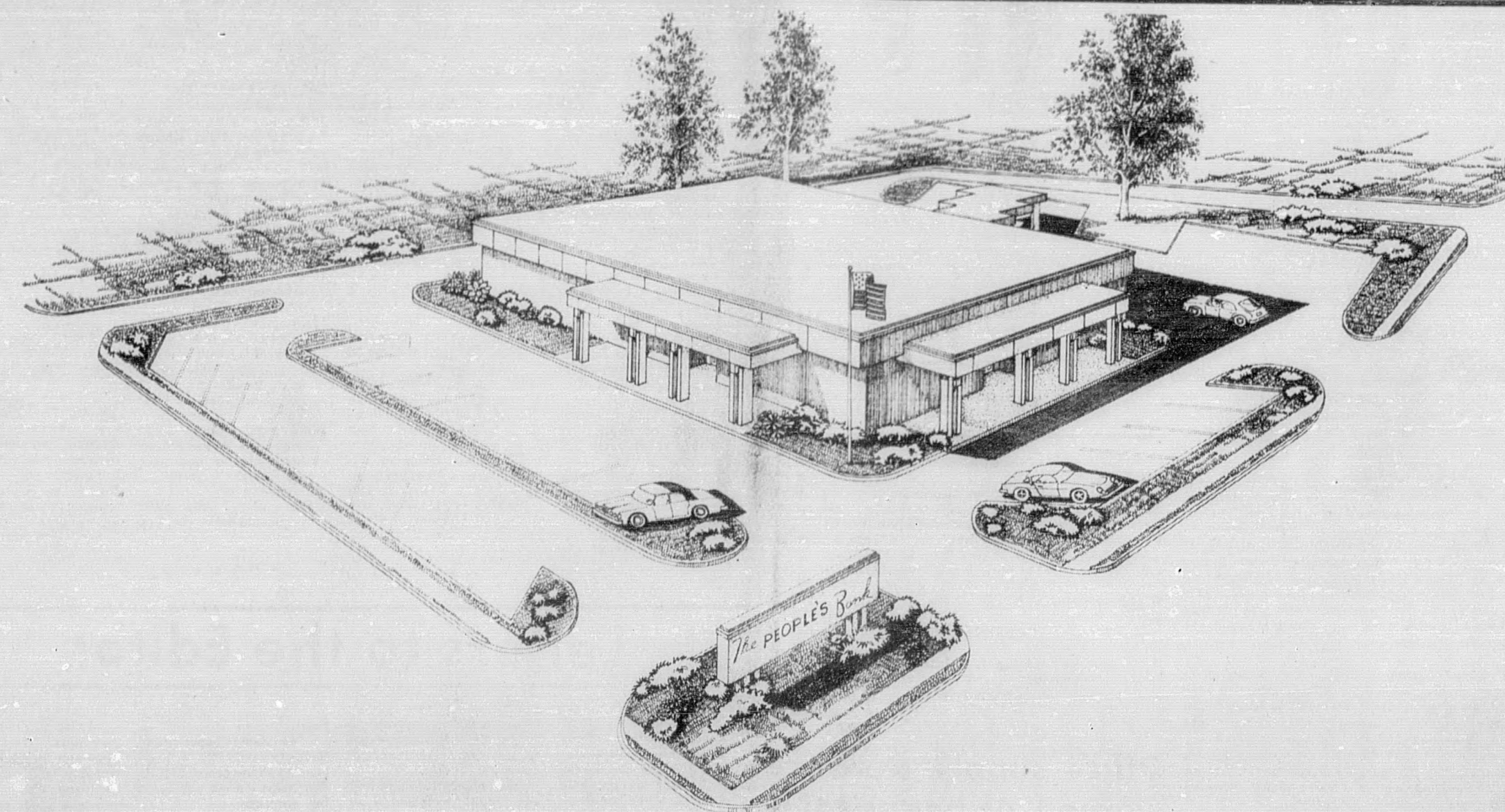
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ARCHITECT'S VIEW OF THE NEW PEOPLES BANK BUILDING IN ELBA

**Commission Gives Tax Relief To Troubled County Firm**

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, at the courthouse in Enterprise, and voted unanimously to provide support to an Enterprise factory in its efforts to reopen.

The factory - Bama Mills - (Fabrics-

America), closed recently, but the City of Enterprise reviewed the possibilities of its reopening and passed a resolution pledging support and assistance available through its legislative power, in the re-establishment of the factory. The city also requested the County Commission

lend support to the effort and grant tax-exempt status to the company for a minimum of five years.

The commission discussed the request at a meeting on May 11, but Commissioner Rex Boutwell questioned

the legality of the request and asked County Attorney Warren Rowe to investigate the matter. Rowe reported since the plant was now closed, a reopening would constitute a new industry and tax-exempt status would be granted.

Members of the Enterprise City Council and local investors hoping to reopen the plant met with the commission last week and stated the company would be a home-operated industry and would provide job stability to over 400 families.

At Tuesday's meeting the commission passed a resolution lending all support available under current statutes and agreed to grant tax-exempt status for a period of five years.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, County Attorney Rowe informed the commission that two new circuit judges had been appointed to hear cases involving the county. Circuit Judge William Gordon has been appointed to rule on a petition seeking declaratory judgment on the legality of a 1-cent sales tax which will be used to finance construction of a new jail. Attorney Rowe has declared the attorney general's opinion is wrong, and filed for declaratory judgment which would result in a final decision on the legality of the tax.

Judge Jack Wallace has been named to hear a suit brought against the county by Dothan architect Joseph Donofrio. Donofrio declares he has a binding contract with the county for architectural work on a 40-prisoner jail to be constructed in the county. The commission decided that Donofrio's contract was on an old project to build a jail in Elba, and when the project was dropped the contract became void. In his suit, Donofrio is asking for \$150,000 or 6 percent of construction costs in building a jail.

No dates have been set on these

**Kinston Man  
Arrested For  
Stabbing Wife**

A Kinston man was arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail last week after being charged with first degree assault in connection with the stabbing of his wife.

Charles Hillard, 62, is accused of stabbing his wife, Gladys Hillard, in the chest as she was attempting to help him in their home following a brief argument.

She was taken to Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp, while her husband is out of jail after posting \$1,000 bond.

**Sentencing Of  
Cake Postponed**

The sentencing of Robert Cake, an Alexander City man convicted of second degree arson of an Elba business, has been delayed until 9 a.m. Monday at the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba.

Cake was scheduled to be sentenced last Monday, but it was delayed by Circuit Court Judge Terry Butts.

Cake pled guilty to setting fire to the Frank Ashe Ford building in Elba last May. A second degree arson conviction carries a possible one to ten years prison sentence.

Frank Ashe, the owner of the dealership, was sentenced to 10 years in prison last month after being found guilty of plotting the fire. His case is currently being appealed.



Edna M. Douglas, 57, drowned Sunday afternoon while on a swimming outing at Pea River, north of Elba. She had reportedly gone to the swimming and picnic area known as Harper's Bottom with a cousin. Ms. Douglas lived on Railroad Street in New Brock-

ton. Witnesses told Coroner Danny Bradley that the victim was playing around in the water one minute and when they looked around a few minutes later, she was floating downstream and did not respond to their calls. She was pulled

out of the water several hundred yards downstream by other swimmers who responded to the information that a woman's body was floating in the river. Bradley ruled the victim died from drowning, however, he took a blood sample for routine analysis.

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